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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Reissue Application of: )  
Oberth et al. )  
Reissue Application Serial No.: ) Patent No.: 5,733,062  
Not Yet Assigned )  
Reissue Application Filed: ) Issued: March 31, 1998  
Herewith )  
For: Highway Crash Cushion and )  
Components Thereof )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 1, line 42 with the following:

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In view of the foregoing operational and maintenance requirements for crash cushions, there is a need for an improved crash cushion that provides increased rigidity in a lateral [impacts] impact that decelerates an impacting vehicle in a more controlled manner in a lateral impact, both when the vehicle is moving along the fender panels in a forward and in a reverse direction, and to provide a crash cushion which is simpler to install and easier to maintain.